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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/365,735	Applicant(s) COOPER ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 82-122 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 82-122 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03 February 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/04/2005 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 82-122 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 1-81 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 82-89, 97-104, 112-115 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyer et al. (US 2004/0128686).

Regarding claim 82, Boyer discloses a method where the user selects a region on the map or enter a zip code, the system determines the geographical location entered by the user, customizes the data and provides customized data with day-part appropriate for the geographic location that selected by the user (figures 4-6, 16, par. 0051, par. 0065, par. 0078, par. 0089, par. 0102-par. 0105, par. 0116-par. 0118). Thus, the limitations of the claimed method are met by Boyer's disclosure as follow:

"determining a geographic location of the user" is broadly met by determining the geographic location entered by the user (par. 0078);

"determining a local day part appropriate to the geographic location" is met by determining the local day part such as morning, mid -day, current time, etc. appropriate to the geographic location entered by the user – figures 4, 17, par. 0102-0104);

"receiving content from two or more content sources" is broadly met by receiving content from sources such as KCBS, KTLA, etc. figures 4,16;

"designating a content source from among two or more content sources based upon the determined local day-part and independent of a profile of the user" is broadly met by customizing the content source from two or more sources based upon day part

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associated with the geographic location entered by the user. The geographic location is not in the user profile (figures 4, 16, par. 0078);

“configuring a content display to feature content from the designated content source over content from other of the content sources based upon the determined local day part and independent of a profile of the user” is broadly met by customizing the data received from plurality sources based on the geographic location entered by the user, the geographic location is not in the user profile – par. 0078, figures 4, 8, 16);

“enabling presentation of content display to the user” is broadly met by displaying program data to the user (figure 16).

Regarding claim 83, Boyer further discloses receiving content comprises receiving content from two or more broadcast sources (KCBS, KNBC, etc. – figures 4, 16).

Regarding claim 84, Boyer further teaches receiving content from two or more broadcast sources comprises receiving content from two or more broadcast networks (cable, satellite, Internet etc. figures 3-4).

Regarding claim 85, Boyer further teaches featuring content from the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display only content related to the designated content source (only displaying content related to the designated content source associated with the data entered by the user – par. 0102-par. 0103).

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Regarding claim 86, Boyer further teaches featuring content from the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display a majority of content related to the designated content source (e.g. displaying content associated with closest time slot to the current time – par. 0102-par. 0103).

Regarding claim 87, Boyer further teaches featuring content from the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display content related to the designated content source in a prominent position on the content display relative to a position of content from one or more other content source (e.g. displaying data in time slot 1:30 PM to 3:00 P.M and hidden all the sources not in this time slot – figure 16).

Regarding claim 88, Boyer further teaches featuring content from the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display content related to the designated content source in a prominent manner (displaying on the screen or pink for sports program listings) on the content display relative to a manner of content from one or more other content source (not displaying on the screen or green for movie program listings) – figure 16, par. 0087.

Regarding claim 89, Boyer further teaches the content includes content other than advertising content (TV program – figures 16, 18).

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Regarding claim 113, the claimed feature of "featuring content from the designated content source comprises featuring content in addition to television content" is broadly met by advertisement, description, Internet content, etc. – figures 16.

Regarding claim 114, the claimed feature of "featuring non-television content" is met by program guide, description, advertisement, audio, graphic, colors, logo, etc. (figure 16, par. 0075, par. 0087).

Regarding claim 115, Boyer further discloses the non-television content comprises color, a graphic, text, advertisement, etc. (figure 16, par. 0075, par. 0087).

Regarding claims 97-104, the limitations of the computer program as claimed correspond to the limitations of the method as claimed in claims 82-89. Boyer further discloses using computer program to control all operations of the system (par.0052, par. 0062). Thus, rejections on claims 97-104 are analyzed as discussed with respect to the rejection of claims 82-89.

Regarding claims 112, the limitations as claimed correspond to the limitations as claimed in claim 97, and are analyzed as discussed with respect to the rejection of claim 97.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 90-96, 105-111 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyer et al. (US 2004/0128686 as applied to claimed 89 and 104 above, and further in view of Alexander (US 6,177,931).

Regarding claim 90, Boyer teaches a method as discussed in the rejection of claim 89. Boyer further discloses receiving advertisement segments, identifying the advertisements and configuring the advertisement segment to display on the display device. However, Boyer does not specifically disclose the advertisement segment corresponding to the content source.

Alexander discloses receiving one or more advertising segments corresponding to one or more of the content sources; identifying one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source; configuring the content display to feature one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source over advertising segments from other of the content sources (col. 32, line 24-col. 33, line 43; col. 18, line 54—col. 19, line 12; figure 3). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Boyer to use the teaching of associating advertisement to content source as taught by

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Alexander in order to provide most suited advertisement to users according to the content network the user accesses to therefore, improve efficiency in advertising.

Regarding claim 91, Alexander further teaches featuring one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display only advertising segments related to the designated content source (col. 20, lines 4-12; col. 24, lines 21-29; col. 33, lines 34-43;).

Regarding claim 92, Alexander further teaches featuring one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display a majority of advertising segments related to the designated content source (col. 20, lines 4-32; and figure 10).

Regarding claim 93, Alexander further teaches one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source comprises configuring the content display to display advertising segments related to the designated content source in a prominent position on the content display relative to a position of content from one or more other content source (the selected ads is highlighted, detail information of the highlighted source display Ad window- col. 20, lines 4-37; and figure 10).

Regarding claim 94, Alexander further teaches one or more advertising segments corresponding to the designated content source comprises configuring the content

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display to display advertising segments related to the designated content source in a prominent manner on the content display relative to a manner of content from one or more other content source (the selected ads is highlighted- col. 20, lines 4-32; and figure 10).

Regarding claim 95, Alexander further discloses content is provided to viewer based on local day part of the viewer as discussed in the rejection of claim 82. Alexander further discloses multiple icons related to the highlighted program are displayed in the Guide. The icon provides viewer with the option of connecting to the Internet, e.g., to a particular on line chat about the highlighted program (col. 13, lines 35-45, col. 18, line 55+). Apparently, configuring a content display comprises configuring a communication utility based (chat) upon the determined local day part. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Boyer to use the teaching as taught by Alexander in order to allow user to communicate to one another.

Regarding claim 96, Alexander teaches configuring a communications utility comprises configuring a chat room (col. 18, lines 35-53).

Claims 105-111 are directed toward embody the method of claims 90-96 respectively in "computer program store in computer readable medium". Alexander further discloses

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computer program that control the operation of the system (col. 5, lines 20-45. Thus, rejections on claims 105-111 are analyzed as discussed with respect to the rejections of claims 90-96.

7. Claims 116- 122 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyer et al. (US 2004/0128686, and in view of Alten et al. (US 5,635,978).

Regarding claim 118, Boyer discloses the viewer enter a geographic location, the system determines the geographic location entered by the user; the system determines and configured time correspond to the entered zip code and customizes data correspond to day part associate with the zip code entered by the users (figures 4, 16, par. 078, par. 0102-0105). Inherently, the method comprising:

determining a first geographic location and a first associated day part for a first user (determining geographic location and day part associated for the first user, for example, an Eastern region and eastern time is associated with the user if the user entered a zip code correspond to Eastern region);

determining a second geographic location and a second associated day part for a second user, the second day part being different from the first day part (determining geographic location and day part associated for the second user, for example, an Mountain region and mountain time is associated with another user if the user entered a zip code correspond to Mountain region, the time of Mountain region being different from the time of Eastern region);

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identifying first non-television programming content corresponds to the first day part and second non-television content that correspond to the second day part (e.g. determining graphic, logo, program guide data correspond to the time of Eastern region and time of Mountain region);

enable presentation on the first content display to the first user; and presentation of the second content display to the second user (presentation on the screen of user entered zip code in Eastern region, and screen of user entered zip code in Mountain region, the content based on the time of the selected region. However, Boyer does not specifically disclose simultaneously display a television program and the non-television programming content.

Alten discloses the simultaneously disclose a television program and non-television (channel listing, graphic, etc.) – col. 9, lines 50-67, figure 7A-7C). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Boyer to use the teaching as taught by Alten in order simultaneously view television program and non-television program on the same screen thereby improve convenience to user.

Regarding claim 119, Boyer further discloses the non-television program content comprises color, graphic, text, link, etc. (figure 16, par. 87).

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Regarding claim 120, Alten further discloses first content display comprises adjusting the look and feel to complement the first associated day part (e.g. display a sunrise in the background every morning – col. 11, lines 30-52).

Regarding claim 121, Alten further discloses only background of the display changes (col. 11, lines 30-52). Thus, the look and feel is adjusted without modifying the content being displayed based on the local day part.

Regarding claim 122, Boyer further discloses the first user content display is configured by the zip code, geographic location entered by user, which is not in user profile (figures 4-6). Thus, the content display is configured independent of a profile of the user.

Regarding claims 116-117, the additional limitations as claimed correspond to the additional limitations as claimed in claims 120-121, and are analyzed as discussed with respect to the rejection of claims 120-121.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yuen et al. (US 6,583,825 B1) teaches method and apparatus for transmitting and downloading setup information.

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Boylan, III (US 6,799,326) discloses interactive television program guide system with local advertisements.


Hatakeyama (US 5,805,446) discloses method for facility location.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son P. Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-7295. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher C. Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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